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House No. HR0023 By Boyer

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. R. Larry Smith for meritorious service to Knox County.

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this legislative body to pay special tribute to those distinguished public officials whose commitment to service is an inspiration for all of us to follow; and

WHEREAS, one such person is Mr. R. Larry Smith, who has served with great wisdom and integrity as chairman of the Knox County Republican Party since 1993; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently endeavored to form a strong Republican alliance in Knox County, not for personal acclaim or credit, but for knowing that Knox County Republicans were better off as a result of his efforts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to Knox County, Mr. Smith has served with probity as president of the Halls Republican Party from 1993-95 and as chairman of the Halls voting precinct in 1991; and

WHEREAS, he is a past president of the Halls Business and Professional Association and was deservedly voted Halls' "Man of the Year" in 1989 for his volunteer work in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith organized both the Seymour and Union County Business and Professional Associatons in 1989 and 1990, respectively, serving as president in Union County; and

WHEREAS, this generous public servant has been an unflagging supporter of the American Cancer Society for the past 11 years, receiving the organization's "Volunteer of the Year" award in 1988, while serving as its president in 1990; and

WHEREAS, R. Larry Smith has always been committed to the highest ideals of public service, as is further evinced by his contributions to the Boys and Girls Club of Christenberry Heights, and the North Knox Y.M.C.A. He also received the Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has played an integral role in several Knox County community efforts, working with the Dogwood Arts Festival to secure and develop a garden by-way in the Halls area; he also assists in fundraising for the Knoxville Beautification Board, the Knoxville Children's Center and Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Mr. Smith continues to lend his time and enormous talents as a member of the Rural Metro Advisory Board and the Community Health Improvement Council through the Fort Sanders Health System; and

WHEREAS, R. Larry Smith has dedicated his life to public service and impresses with his indomitable spirit, all those with whom he comes in contact, as he shares his enormous talents to better his community, county, and state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Mr. R. Larry Smith on his numerous contributions to the people of Knox County, saluting him for upholding the time-honored tradition of volunteerism in this great state and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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